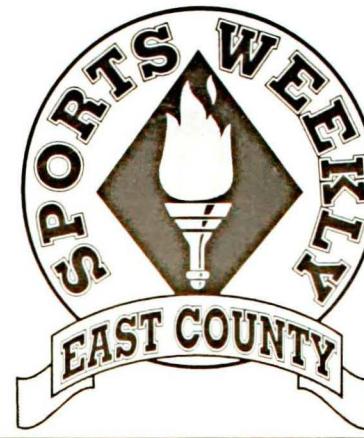


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Lemon Grove Home Depot cheers former worker now in Olympics

by Joe Naiman

If you caught the opening matches of Olympic badminton, you may have noticed a familiar face. Erika Von Heiland, one of the three athletes on the U.S. team, worked among us at Home Depot while training at Chula Vista's Arco Olympic Training Center.

Von Heiland, 30, worked in the lighting department of the Lemon Grove store for over a year. Customer service supervisor Mary Moses put up a message board at the store saluting Von Heiland's achievements.

"She was a pleasure to have working in the store," says Moses, now at the Home Depot's Clairemont store. "She was always real excited to do anything, whether it was working for Home Depot or whether

it was going out and doing her badminton."

The 30-year-old Von Heiland was born in the Philippines, grew up in Anaheim and attended Arizona State University, where she received a degree magna cum laude in justice studies.

Her previous badminton achievements include 1991 second-place finishes at the Pan American Games and the U.S. Olympic Festival, a berth at the 1992 Olympic Games in Barcelona, first places in singles and doubles at the 1993 U.S. Olympic Festival, runner-up in the Bermuda International Open in 1995, and a bronze medal at the 1995 Pan American Games.

Von Heiland and her two teammates were eliminated in the opening badminton rounds. The sport, which originated in

India and was exported to the world by the British, is the second most played sport behind soccer.

Prior to moving to the Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs, Von Heiland trained at the Arco Olympic Training Center in Chula Vista. During that time she was employed by Home Depot as part of the company's Olympic Job Opportunities Program, which sponsors over 80 Olympic hopefuls nationwide.

Co-workers recall that she put the same enthusiasm she had for athletics into her work at Home Depot.

"I just can't say enough about her," said Isabel Verduzco, who trained Von Heiland at the Lemon Grove store. "She was just a pleasure to work with. Just her spirit was phenomenal."

Verduzco was the cashier college trainer at the time and taught Von Heiland to perform tasks including stocking and customer service.

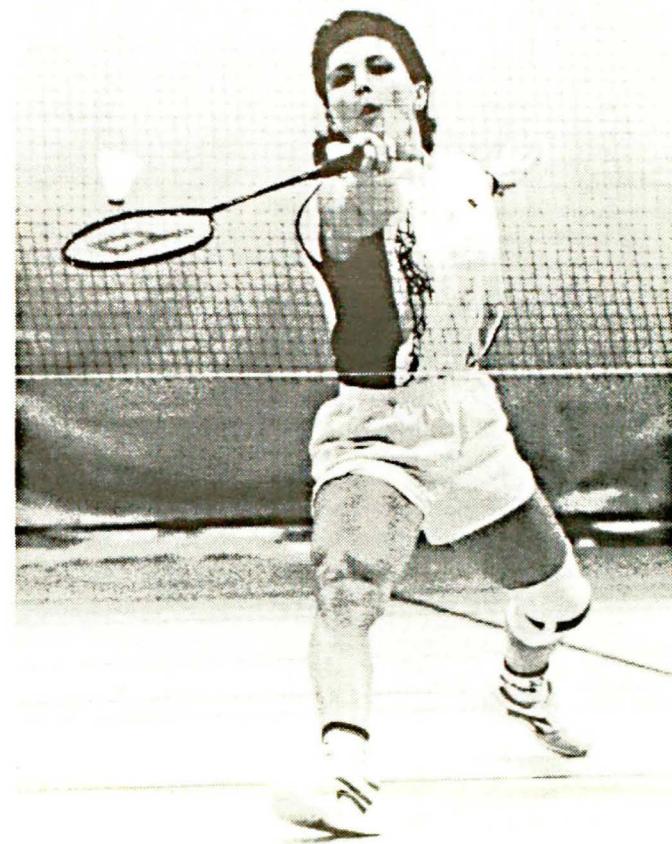
"She was excellent with customers," recalled Verduzco. "She just had that philosophy of whatever it takes to satisfy the customer."

Verduzco noted that Von Heiland's attitude to strive for the best transferred to her employment. "She was like that all the time."

It's just funny the way she would relate her attitude towards the Olympics," said Verduzco. "She took that and brought it into our store."

Home Depot's participation in the Olympic Job Opportunities Program, which began following the end of the 1992 Olympic Games, involves placing an Olympic hopeful on the Home Depot payroll.

Home Depot pays the athlete a certain number of hours



Badminton champion Erika Von Heiland, a top tennis player in the Philippines, got hooked on badminton while waiting for crowded tennis courts to open up.

per week regardless of whether the athlete is working in the store, and the athlete works in the store when he or she is not training or participating in competition.

"She was much appreciative of what Home Depot had done for her," Moses said of Von Heiland.

Von Heiland worked at Home Depot during the mornings before training at the Federal Building in Balboa Park in the afternoons. After she relocated to Colorado Springs, she was employed by the Home Depot there as part of the Olympic Job Opportunities Program.

"It's kind of a nice little benefit of that program that she didn't have to find new employment," said Home

Depot publicist Brian Brokowski of Nelson Communications Group.

Even after moving to Colorado Springs, Von Heiland kept in touch with the Lemon Grove store. "She calls to thank us for all of our support," said Moses. "She's a terrific person and she's thankful for everything Arthur and Bernie (Home Depot founders Arthur Blank and Bernie Marcus) have done for her to allow her to get as far as she could."

Home Depot's national headquarters are in Atlanta, the site of the 1996 Olympics. Von Heiland had indicated to Moses that she would be willing to continue employment at Home Depot following the 1996 Olympics.

San Diego County Open continues long tradition

by Norrie West

Anticipating a star-studded field of competitors, the San Diego County Open will be played for the 68th year Aug. 13 - 15 on the difficult Steele Canyon Golf and Country Club course in Jamul.

It is said to be the sixth oldest professional tournament in the United States.

It is open to both amateurs and professionals, with entry fees set at \$500 for the pros and \$250 for the amateurs, who must carry an index of 3.9 to qualify.

"We will take the first 180 entries," host professional Jeff Johnson said. "This is a great event and you need only to look at the names of past Open Champions to see how well it is regarded by the golfers themselves."

Four Golf Hall of Famers — Sam Snead, Gene Littler, Billy Casper and Paul Runyan — have won the Open. Snead in 1943, Littler in 1949 and 1952, Billy in 1953 and 1954, and Runyan three times, 1955, 1956 and 1958.

Actually the County Open began in 1929 with Roy Tufts,

a one-time PGA Tour Player, winning, followed the next two years by Leo Diegel, who was pro at Agua Caliente Country Club, and who is in the PGA Hall of Fame.

The only other tournaments older than our County Open are the U.S. Open, the PGA Championship, and the Los Angeles, Western and Texas opens.

The pros will play for a share of the \$80,000 purse, made possible by Taylor-Made. The teams will win trophies and prizes.

Bryan Gorman is expected

to defend his championship, having won the open crown for the second time last year at Rancho San Diego. He also won in 1986.

There is no charge for gallerying the tournament. Steele Canyon is located at 3199 Stonefield Dr. in Jamul.

The fields will be cut after 36 holes of play to the low 50 pros and ties and to the low ten amateurs and ties.

Past champions included Sam Snead, Billy Casper, Gene Littler, Jim Gilbert, Mike Riedel, Kevin Sutherland and Jeff Hart.

Chargers face Vikings in next preseason game

Charger football is back and the Bolts are off to good start with a preseason win against the Pittsburgh Steelers in Tokyo.

The Chargers will face the Minnesota Vikings in a pre-season game from 5 - 8:30 p.m. Saturday, to be broadcast on KGTV Channel 10.

Other televised games scheduled for August include:

- Aug. 17, 7-10:30 p.m., Arizona Cardinals at San Diego (preseason)

College Notes

Enrollment opens at Grossmont-Cuyamaca

The weather may just now be heating up, but the traditions of fall are fast approaching. With classes scheduled to begin Aug. 19, enrollment is now open for the fall semester at Grossmont and Cuyamaca colleges.

"Never has education been so necessary to ensure your future," said Victor Calderon, president of the Grossmont-Cuyamaca Community College District Governing Board. "Community colleges are the vital link in preparing the workforce of the future. That's what is happening at Grossmont and Cuyamaca colleges at the bargain rate of \$13 per unit."

Students can chart a successful career path from the more than 1,500 classes offered at Grossmont and Cuyamaca. General education offerings have been expanded and scheduling adjusted to accommodate students who are looking for a fast track to an associate degree and/or transfer to a four-year university.

Career specific opportunities abound. Occupational training opportunities can be found in ornamental horticulture, automotive technology, drafting and environmental technologies, paralegal studies, health technologies, administration of justice, entrepreneurship, child development, international business and many other fields.

Class scheduling is flexible and includes day, evening, weekend and short-term classes. Telecourses are offered in some general education areas.

Application forms for new students are available in the Admissions and Records offices on both campuses. Class schedules are available 24 hours a day from newsstands on both campuses.

For more information, call Grossmont College at 465-1700, ext. 186. Admissions and Records office hours are 8 a.m. - 7 p.m. Monday through Thursday or from 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. Friday. For more information about Cuyamaca College, call 670-1980, ext. 275. Cuyamaca Admissions and Records office hours are 8 a.m. - 7 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. Friday, or from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday.

In the Service

Marine Pfc. Aaron L. King, a 1995 graduate of Mount Miguel High School, recently graduated from the Unit Diary Clerk's Course at Personnel Administration School, Marine Corps Service Support Schools, Camp Lejeune, N.C. During the eight-week course, King gained a working knowledge of processing and preparing a unit diary, which is the basic document used in the Marine Corps Manpower Management System.

King is the son of Daniel King of Spring Valley. He joined the Marine Corps last year.

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Recorded on 02/14/1990 as Instrument No. 90 081423 in Book Page of Official records in the office of the County Recorder of SAN DIEGO County, California, and pursuant to the Notice of Default and Election to Sell thereunder recorded 04/19/1996 in Book , as Instrument No. 1996-0194959 of said Official Records, WILL SELL on 08/21/1996 at SOUTH ENTRANCE TO COUNTY COURTHOUSE

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B Words by Bob Burns

Losing arts complex is a sad day for city

I am truly sad to see the "Arts" leave Lemon Grove. The Lemon Grove Arts Complex, under the direction of Theresa Wells, has provided a valuable service to our community. Our children have benefited and our City has gained acclaim in the representation the group has given far beyond our boundaries.

As a member of the old Lemon Grove Players theater group, and an avid supporter of the Arts in our town, I know the value of such things to a community. In the early days of our city, the small subsidies that were budgeted for the arts complex, were almost grudgingly given. The intangible effects of such programs are very hard to quantify when benefits are looked upon with a strictly business eye. Certainly, private business should stand alone and make its own way without welfare like contributions.

However, the nonprofit projects that provide the non ledger type of profits to a community, must be given special consideration. I am proud that my support of the Arts Complex over the years was instrumental in its surviving as long as it did.

I am also sad to be hearing that "The Arts Complex was run out of town," and that its demise was solely caused by a whimsical council who "cut off the funding." Neither of these statements are true, of course. No one, that I am aware of "wanted" them to leave. We all appreciate the benefits that the group has provided to our youth and our town.

Also, the greatly elevated request for financial help in this years budget (\$36,000) compared to previous years, smacked a little of a form of blackmail when coupled with the threat to pull out. We are now told that "the Arts have left Lemon Grove, and the implication is that it is all the fault of the city's budget decision.

I would hope that the Arts, in Lemon Grove are not embodied entirely in Theresa Wells. Her leaving does not in my opinion leave our city devoid of artistic people, and certainly does not indicate some kind of hatred or disdain for artistic endeavor. The Arts complex, despite what Theresa might wish to think, did not constitute our only artistic assets.

While not embodying all aspects of the arts, our Recreation Dept. does supply a copious program for our young people. The various church groups have programs. I am especially proud to be part of the St. John of The Cross Youth Theater Group that presents a fine stage production each year, and expects to expand. Our Mayors husband is an accomplished musician, being featured this year in our Park concert program. Our people are active in local community theatre groups in the area, and coincidentally we have some private Dance studios such as Sherry's Gotta Dance, that do not require financial assistance from the city.

I cannot believe that all is lost because Theresa Wells has left town and has taken "all of the Arts" with her. I know many of the children who participated in her programs, and am confident that their talents will not abdicate Lemon Grove.

As in the past, the city council has been very generous in eking out funds from their meager budget. I would fully support them continuing to do so in some form or other.

The Arts are important in our community. Our youth become superior citizens because of artistic endeavors, and it is money well spent. Past contributions should be appreciated, not petulantly blamed because they haven't been more.

Thanks Theresa, for your good works of the past, and we wish you well in the future, wherever you are.

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Trustee Sale No. 96-00327-KR Title Order No. 623137 Reference No. 200135640 APN No. 577-202-21-00 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 05/19/93 UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER.

On August 7, 1996, at 10:00 AM, Arm Financial Corporation as the duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust, recorded on 06/02/93 as Document No. 1993-0346059 Book - Page of Official Records in the Office of the Recorder of SAN DIEGO County, California, executed by: WILLIAM A. EVANS, AN UNMARRIED MAN, as Trustor, ASSOCIATED MORTGAGE LENDING, A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION, as Beneficiary, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States), by cash, a cashier's check drawn by a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state. At THE SOUTH ENTRANCE TO THE COUNTY COURTHOUSE AT 220 WEST BROADWAY, SAN DIEGO, CA, all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County, California describing the land therein. EXHIBIT A Lot 4, Block 21 of Monterey Heights, in the City of Lemon Grove, County of San Diego, State of California. According to Map Thereof No. 1966, Filed in the Office of the County Recorder of San Diego County, December 6, 1926, Together with That Portion of the West Half of the Alley Lying Easterly of and Adjoining the East Line of Said Lot on the East and Vested and Closed to Public Use by Resolution Passed and Adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Diego January 12, 1948 and Recorded in the Office of the County Recorder January 16, 1948 in Book 2617, Page 418 of Official Records, Including That Portion of the East 10.00 Feet of Skylane Drive Lying Westerly of and Adjoining the West Line of Said Lot 4 and Vested and Closed to Public Use by Resolution of the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Diego Passed and Adopted November 21, 1951 and Filed in the Office of the County Recorder of Said San Diego County November 28, 1951 as File No. 202045 of Official Records. The property heretofore described is being sold "as is". The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 1665 SKYLINE DRIVE, LEMON GROVE, CA 91945. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, if any, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to-wit: \$104,275.11 Estimated Accrued interest and additional advances, if any, will increase this figure prior to sale. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located and more than three months have elapsed since such recording. Arm Financial Corporation as Trustee, P.O. Box 85309, San Diego, CA 92186-5309, Telephone Number: (619) 452-4900, KELLY L. RADER, ASSISTANT SECRETARY, Date: 07/05/96 NPP0016351 PUB: 07/16/96, 07/23/96, 07/30/96

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Ozone depletion making tan a skin cancer danger

Recent reports indicate that the ozone layer, our critical protection against the carcinogenic impact of sunlight, is being depleted at an alarming rate. In fact, the American Academy of Dermatology predicts an additional 154 million skin cancer cases by the year 2075 if no controls are taken to reduce air pollution and the ozone depletion.

Since tanning became popular in the 1920s, the incidence of melanoma, the deadliest form of skin cancer, has increased 13-fold. Almost half of all new cancers in the United States are skin cancers. This year, approximately 38,000 people will be diagnosed with melanoma and an estimated 7,300 people will die from the disease.

"As the ozone layer continues to be depleted, there is a 1 to 1 1/2 percent increase per year in the incidence of malignant melanoma," said Dr. B.J. Brooks, M.D., an internal medicine specialist with Fletcher Hills Medical Group. "There's a 3 to 6 percent increase per year in non-malignant skin cancers (squamous cell and basal cell carcinomas)."

Brooks recommends the following precautions to reduce overexposure to the sun:

- Cover up with appropriate clothing to minimize exposure to the sun, especially during the peak hours of 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., when the sun's rays are most intense.
- Wear a wide-brimmed hat to protect the eyes, ears, face and back of neck-areas particularly prone to overexposure.
- Apply sunscreen-SPF 15

or higher-repeatedly throughout the day.

- Wear sunglasses that provide 99 to 100 percent UVB protection.

• Pay heed to the UV Index that is broadcast on numerous radio stations and TV channels and take precautions working, playing or exercising outdoors on high-risk days.

"Most importantly, we must use protective measures for our children against the sun's harmful rays," he said. "One or two blistering sunburns in childhood double the risk of developing melanoma 20 to 30 years later."

Brooks recommends starting a personal campaign against skin cancer. Melanomas, he explained, often start as small, mole-like growths that increase in size, change color, become ulcerated and bleed easily from the slightest injuries.

The American Cancer Society's "ABCD Rule" outlines the warning signs of melanoma:

A-Asymmetry. One half of the mole does not match the other half.

B-Border Irregularity. The edges are ragged, notched or blurred.

C-Color. The pigmentation is not uniform.

D-Diameter. Greater than 6 millimeters, or about a quarter of an inch. Any sudden or progressive increase in size should be of particular concern.

"It is important to avoid overexposure to the sun as well as perform regular self-examinations," said Brooks. "Any skin changes or abnormalities should be checked out by your physician."

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Rotary to bring smiles to Ensenada

How would you feel if your child was ridiculed in public on a regular basis? Or, if he or she was unable to eat, talk, hear or even breathe normally because of a hereditary or environmental condition?

This is exactly what happens in Mexico when one in every 650 newborn babies has a facial deformity, such as a cleft lip or palate.

In the U.S., cleft lips are often surgically closed when the child is 10 - 12 weeks old and palates are closed at 1 month to 1 year of age. However, in Mexico and other third world countries, poor economic conditions and lack of medical expertise and facilities make these procedures unavailable.

To correct this situation, the Thousand Smiles Foundation, a special project of the San Diego and Mexico Rotary Club districts, provides free cleft lip and palate surgery as well as dental services for children in Mexico and Central America.

A group of local dentists, surgeons, physicians and other volunteers will go to Ensenada Thursday through Saturday.

"The Foundation's mission is to remedy the terribly disfigured faces of children and adults," said James P. Vernetti, D.D.S., president of Thou-

Reel Thoughts 'Kingpin' a silly film for a silly sport

by Greg Eichelberger

If the 1990s are ever given a designation in decades to come, they might be called the "Age Of Stupidity," in Hollywood at least.

Starting with "Wayne's World," continuing through "Ace Venture: Pet Detective," "Tommy Boy" and "Billy Madison," films seem to be catering to the lowest and oft-times grossest common denominator. Some work, while others fall flatter than an IHOP flapjack.

The newest entry is "Kingpin," a Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer release directed by brothers Peter and Bobby Farrelly, who (surprise!) were at the helm of "Dumb And Dumber."

That film earned well over \$200 million, so they were given another opportunity with this comedy about the gritty, seedy world of big-time professional bowling.

And while I consider bowling a recreation, there are those who look upon this game as a sport. Even more gullible folks will actually pay to see it played, even if fictionalized.

The film stars Woody Harrelson as washed-up pro Roy Munson, and Randy Quaid, (who's been playing idiots since his 1973 Academy Award-nominated performance in "The Last Detail") as Ishmael, an Amish lane protege.

Support is given by an even more nasty and sardonic Bill Murray, as Big Ernie McCracken, a sort of Dennis Rodman of the bowling kingdom, and Vanessa Angel ("Stop! Or My Mom Will Shoot") as Claudia, inserted into the movie simply as a turn-on for the young

sand Smiles Foundation. "Some of these children and adults were literally outcasts in their communities, and through the work of this Foundation, have been restored to normal, healthy, respected individuals."

If you wish to donate to this project or would like to volunteer, call 477-2550.

Registration open for fall roller hockey

The East County Roller Hockey League, a member league of the San Diego Roller Hockey Conference, is conducting registration for the fall season. The season will run from Oct. 5 to Dec. 14.

Games will be played on Saturdays and practices will be held once a week, Monday-Friday. Coaches and referees are needed.

The league is open to boys and girls in the following age divisions: 5-8; 9-11; 12-15. Players must provide their own helmet with cage, gloves, knee and elbow pads, mouth guard, hockey stick and in-line skates.

Registration fee is \$85 if received by Sept. 14 and \$100 thereafter. Registration includes team jersey, custom T-shirt and team photo. For information call 632-0275.

Professional services, medi-



Randy Quaid is Ishmael, the Amish bowling wiz about to con a group of aging female bowlers with the help of Vanessa Angel and Woody Harrelson in "Kingpin."

males in the audience and as a love interest for Munson.

Briefly, the film begins in 1969, when the young Roy is taught the game by his father. It then speeds by 10 years as Roy wins the Iowa State Amateur Championship, and then defeats McCracken in the 1979 Odor-Eaters title.

McCracken's revenge is to con him into hustling a group of seedy bowlers and then abandoning him to the gang, who mangle his hand in a ball return machine.

Pretty hilarious so far, huh?

Now we zoom to the present day when flabby, balding, boozed-up Munson eeks out a living as a bowling supply salesman and lives in a shabby flophouse run by a horrid (yet sex-starved landlady), Lin Shaye.

Somehow, he discovers Ishmael while making a sales call and after several turn-downs, finally persuades him (through an enormous plot convenience) to head to a winner-take-all \$1 million tournament in Reno.

It was as if the producers took "Witness," added a little

of "The Hustler," "White Men Can't Jump" and "Karate Kid," threw it into a blender, spiced it all together and hired Jerry Lewis to direct.

Despite the bathroom humor and punchlines that could not have been telegraphed better than if done by Western Union, I chuckled more often than not and can give this one a grudging recommendation.

This is partly because the writing duo of Barry Fanaro and Morton Nathan, Emmy-winning scribblers of "The Golden Girls" and "Archie Bunker's Place," who have thrown in several very obscure pop culture references, (the teary Indian from the early 1970s pollution commercial, and a send-up of "The Ghost And Mr. Chicken.") Hey, anyone who can reuse the line, "Atta boy, Luther!" is aces in my book.

So, overlook the made-for-the-1990s goofiness, put your brain on hold for 113 minutes and enjoy "Kingpin." You'll never look at another fat bowler in the same light again.

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